

GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

June 17, 2019

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction convened into regular session on the 17th day of June, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Those present were Councilmembers Chuck McDaniel, Phyllis Norris, Phillip Pe'a, Duke Wortmann, and Council President Rick Taggart. Councilmember Anna Stout was absent.

Also present were City Manager Greg Caton, City Attorney John Shaver, Deputy City Clerk Janet Harrell, and Deputy City Clerk Selestina Sandoval.

Council President Taggart called the meeting to order. Councilmember Wortmann led the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by a moment of silence.

Presentations

2019 Home Run Alley Award

This award is reserved for the people behind the scenes that help baseball in Grand Junction, from Little League on up. Local groups, individuals and businesses are recognized annually by the Junior College (JUCO) World Series Committee.

Parks and Recreation Director Rob Schoeber introduced the JUCO Chairman Jamie Hamilton who presented the award to the Suplizio Field Grounds Crew, including Marc Mancuso, Bruce Hagen, and Bill Johnson.

Appointments

To the Grand Junction Downtown Development Authority/Business Improvement District

Councilmember Norris moved to reappoint Dan Meyer and appoint Libby Olson to the Grand Junction Downtown Development Authority/Business Improvement District for four-year terms ending June 2023. Councilmember Wortmann seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

To the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Councilmember Pe'a moved to reappoint Abby Landmeier and appoint Beau Flores and Nick Allan to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for three-year terms ending June

2022. Councilmember Norris seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Citizen Comments

There were no public comments.

City Manager Report

City Manager Greg Caton spoke about the JUCO tournament and all the work put in by those recognized by the Home Run Alley Award.

Council Reports

Councilmember Norris attended the Riverside Park Grand Opening and thanked all the citizens who worked on it.

Council Wortmann concurred with Councilmember Norris' comments and said he is thrilled with that development.

Council President Taggart also attended the Riverside Park Grand Opening, Grand Junction Housing Authority's Ribbon Cutting for their new wing, and The Lodge Grand Opening.

Consent Agenda

Councilmember Norris moved to adopt the Consent Agenda items #1 - #3. Councilmember Wortmann seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

1. Approval of Minutes

- a. Summary of the June 3, 2019 Workshop
- b. Minutes of the June 5, 2019 Regular Meeting

2. Set Public Hearings

- a. Quasi-judicial
 - i. Introduction of an Ordinance Rezoning a Property from R-1 (Residential - 1 du/ac) to R-2 (Residential - 2 du/ac) Located at 2595 Music Lane and Set a Public Hearing for July 1, 2019

3. Resolutions

- a. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Submit a Grant Request to the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund for Completion of a Parks and Open Space Master Plan
- b. A Resolution Issuing a Revocable Permit for Installation of a Food Processing Interceptor within the Public Alley Right-of-Way Located South of and Adjacent to the Property Located at 635 Pitkin Avenue
- c. A Resolution Renaming F ½ Road to Ridge Drive between North 12th Street to East Cliff Drive
- d. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Sign and Submit Grant Requests to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for Improvements to the Grand Junction Regional Airport

REGULAR AGENDA

Public Hearing - An Ordinance Amending the Grand Junction Municipal Code to Permit Off-Highway Vehicles

The Grand Junction Police Department has completed an analysis regarding the impact of Utility Type Vehicles (UTV's) on limited sections of roadways in the City of Grand Junction. This analysis was initiated due to a request by local business, Adrenaline Driven Adventure Company, who requested limited operation of UTV's on City roadways. The proposal would allow Adrenaline Driven Adventure Company to operate UTV's on a section of Horizon Drive, H Road, and 27 ¼ Road within the City of Grand Junction. The total distance of this request is approximately 3 miles of roadway.

The Grand Junction Police Department, as detailed in previous memorandums and discussions, has some concerns related to service delivery and their ability to respond to complaints involving UTV's.

Police Chief Doug Shoemaker presented this item.

Lewis Baker, owner of Adrenaline Driven Adventure Company addressed City Council and described his request.

Conversation ensued about the requirement of permits for use of UTV's on City roads (each unit owned by Adrenaline Adventures would be permitted to use designated

sections of City roads only), and how this pilot program would impact the general public and State requirements for these vehicles.

The public hearing was opened at 6:27 p.m.

Ed Kowalski and Richard Swingle expressed concerns about the UTV's on Horizon Drive.

Trisha Martinez, Director of Member Engagement with the Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce, Louis Buescher with Buescher Family Limited Partnership, Greg Clank, Dusty Haggins, Ben Buescher, and Shawn Armijo spoke in support of the ordinance.

The public hearing was closed at 6:41 p.m.

Mr. Baker addressed some questions that were asked during the public hearing.

Conversation ensued about accidents on Horizon Drive and the constraints of police personnel available to respond to them, this being a pilot program, and the possibility of the pilot term being shorter (18 months versus 3-years), UTV's becoming licensed in Colorado in the near future, the promotion of tourism as a result of this ordinance, how other requests such as this will be handled, traffic analysis findings of this area, and requiring escorts by Adrenaline Adventures for an introductory period.

Councilmember Wortmann moved to adopt Ordinance No. 4859, an ordinance allowing for the use of utility type vehicles (UTV's) on segments of Horizon Drive, H Road, and 27 ¼ Road in the City of Grand Junction to expire December 31, 2020 on final passage and ordered final publication in pamphlet form. Councilmember Pe'a seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote with Councilmember Norris voting No.

Resolutions - A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract to Sell a City owned Property Known as Lot 16 of the Riverfront at Dos Rios Filing One and Ratifying the Actions Taken Therewith

The City has successfully negotiated with Jennifer R. Taylor for the purchase of Lot 16 of Riverfront at Dos Rios Filing One. City Council recently approved the planned development known as the Riverfront at Dos Rios. Lot 16 is the area designated for Mixed Use/Outdoor Recreation.

Councilmember McDaniel recused himself and exited the auditorium at 7:02 p.m. City Attorney Shaver advised for the record that Councilmember McDaniel submitted a letter stating the purpose of recusing himself and it is on file with the City Clerk's Office.

City Attorney John Shaver and City Manager Greg Caton presented this item.

Councilmember Norris lauded Ms. Taylor for her vision and patience.

Applicant Jen Taylor was present to speak about her vision for the property and thanked City Council and staff for their support.

Council President Taggart called for citizen comments at 7:16 p.m.

There were none.

Conversation ensued about the progression of Ms. Taylor's business plan.

Councilmember Wortmann moved to adopt Resolution 34-19, a resolution authorizing the sale by the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, of certain real property and ratifying actions heretofore taken in connection therewith. Councilmember Norris seconded the motion.

For the record, the closing date of June 26, 2019 was clarified.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Non-Scheduled Citizens & Visitors

There were none.

Other Business

There was none.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Selestina Sandoval
Deputy City Clerk